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1. Allegedly, there are local resistance activities in Kotel, Sliven, and the steppes of Koca Balkan (sic). *4246N-2629E*

2. Early in April 1951, a band of 60 armed guerrillas, formed by the villagers of Sliven and in particular Zhelyu Voyvoda, staged an uprising in the village of Ichera which was suppressed by military troops on 24 May 1951. *4246N-2627C*

3. The head of the guerrilla group was Georgi Pemkavski, who had spent a year in Yugoslavia before returning to the Kotel Mountains. Among the guerrillas, were two Trudovak soldiers and a young girl. Allegedly, the girl had a light machine gun.

4. In the beginning of May 1951, when the above-mentioned guerrillas were active, six State Security officials came to the village of Ichera. After these officials had spent 10 days investigating, approximately 1,000 military and militia forces from the garrisons of Burgas, Stara Fazora, Sliven, et cetera, came to Ichera with 3 trucks and a jeep.

5. After a 24 hour fight, the military and militia forces subdued the guerrilla forces. Fifty-two guerrillas were captured while the remaining eight fled. Of the military and militia forces, a captain and three soldiers were killed, and 20 were wounded. A 65 year old man, who had acted as liaison between the guerrilla groups, was responsible for denouncing the guerrilla band.

6. Resistance activities have extended to the district of Elena and Koca Balkan.

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